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Amendments

In the Claims:

1. (original) A shared multi-user email system on a single computer, comprising:
 - a shared computer;
 - a multi-user email system configured to run on said shared computer configured to enable a plurality of users, one at a time, to access said multi-user email system running on said shared computer;
 - a multi-user graphical user interface (GUI) configured to display concurrently current status of multiple email accounts of said plurality of users,
 - wherein said multi-user GUI permits one user of said plurality of users at a time to access an email user account environment of said one user of said plurality of users on said multi-user email system,
 - wherein said one user, if authenticated, can access only said email user account environment belonging to said one user,
 - wherein each of said email user account environments includes an inbox, an outbox, and at least one personal file folder; and
 - a network interface coupled to said shared computer through which emails can be routed to destination addresses not included in said multi-user email system.
2. (original) The system according to claim 1, wherein said multi-user GUI includes an indication of the priority of email received in said multi-user email system enabling prioritization of access to said shared computer by said users.
3. (original) The system according to claim 2, wherein said indication of priority includes at least one of the following indications of priority:
 - an audio;
 - a visual;

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- a color;
- an iconic;
- a communication to a communication device;
- a page to a pager;
- a numeric;
- an alphabetic;
- a letter;
- a character;
- an alert; and
- a wireless alert.

4. (original) The system according to claim 1, wherein the system is used in at least one of a production, operations, healthcare, retail, hospital, and nursing environments.

5. (original) A real time multi-user graphical user interface (GUI) comprising:
a status module enabling a computer to indicate current status of multiple email accounts of a plurality of users, concurrently, on a shared multi-user computer.

6. (original) The GUI according to claim 5, wherein said status module comprises:
a priority indicator enabling the computer to indicate priority of access to the shared multi-user computer.

7. (original) The GUI according to claim 6, wherein said priority indicator comprises at least one of:

- a visual indicator;
- an audio indicator;
- a color indicator;
- a numeric indicator;

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a alphabetic indicator;
an alphanumeric indicator;
an iconic indicator;
a communication;
a communication device;
an alert;
a wireless alert; and
a page.

8. (original) The GUI according to claim 5, wherein said status module comprises:
a new mail indicator enabling the computer to indicate that a new mail has arrived for one of said plurality of users of said shared multi-user computer.

9. (currently amended) An electronic ~~mail-message~~ system comprising:
a user selectable save message instruction operative to automatically store in one of one or more user selected user-assignable personal file folders, adapted to store a user selected previously received incoming messages and all outgoing messages; and
~~at least one sent mail sub folder, wherein said user selected user-assignable personal file folder is associated with a sender of said previously received message, tagged by one of an email address or a username of the sender of said message, wherein a copy of said each of said outgoing messages is automatically stored in said sent mail sub folder, and wherein said sent mail sub folder is named by one of said outgoing message's recipient's e-mail address or said outgoing message's recipient's user name.~~

10. (currently amended) The system according to claim 9, wherein said user-selected previously received message received emails sent from that least one of a sender and/or a recipient are

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automatically stored in said user selected one of said one or more of said user-assignable personal file folders, upon user selection of at least one of a command and/or user interface element by the user without the user being aware of a location of said user-assignable personal file folder in any file folder hierarchy.

11. (currently amended) The system according to claim ~~109~~, wherein the system is operative to automatically create a new one of said user assignable personal file folders, are automatically tagged to at least by one of the email address of, or the username of at the sender of said previously received message email and a receiver of a sent email when no user assignable personal file folder exists for the sender of said message.

12. (currently amended) The system according to claim 9, wherein ~~each of said the electronic message system is operative to automatically store in a~~ user-assignable personal file folders associated with the sender of comprises:
any dynamic, active read receipt report, said report received from the stored on a system of a sender of said read receive report in response to a previously sent message of an email.

13. (currently amended) The system according to claim 12, wherein said read receipt report is a dynamic, active read receipt report comprising:

a single file indicating read receipt status indicating which of a plurality of recipients of an a previously sent email-message have and/or have not accessed said previously sent message, and wherein said read receipt report tracks a date and time of access by one of a plurality of recipients of said previously sent message email.

14. (currently amended) The system according to claim ~~13~~ 10, ~~further comprising tracking a date and time of access by one of said plurality of recipients wherein said user interface element comprises at least one of an icon and/or a button.~~

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15. (currently amended) The system according to claim 9, wherein the system is adapted operative to automatically create at least one new user-assignable personal file sent mail sub folder, ~~when a sent mail sub folder does not exist for said outgoing message's one or more recipients.~~

16. (currently amended) The system according to claim 9, wherein the system automatically stores a copy of an outgoing message, upon being sent to a previously selected one of further comprising at least one received mail sub folder in said user-assignable personal file folders, previously assigned and associated with a recipient of said outgoing wherein each of said incoming message, s is automatically stored in said received mail sub folder, and wherein said received mail sub folder is named by one of said incoming message's sender's e mail address or said incoming message's sender's user name.

17. (currently amended) The system according to claim 9, wherein the system is operative adapted to rapidly store a plurality of user-selected previously received messages in one of said user-assignable personal file folders associated with said sender of said previously received messages, obviating a need to drag and drop said previously received messages on said folder. ~~automatically create a new received mail sub folder when a received mail sub folder does not exist for said incoming message's sender.~~

18. (currently amended) A machine-readable medium that provides instructions, which when executed by a computing platform, cause said computing platform to perform operations comprising a method comprising:

receiving an user selected instruction to store a previously received send an outgoing electronic mail (e-mail) message in a user selected one of one or more user assignable personal file folders associated with from a sender of said previously received message, tagged by one of an email address or username of the sender of said message, wherein said instruction comprises at least one of a command and/or a user interface element; and

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storing in ~~said at least one mail folder of the sender, said outgoing e-mail message, wherein said mail folder is named by one of said outgoing e-mail message's recipient's e-mail address or username without the user having to know a location in a file folder hierarchy of said user-assignable personal file folder.~~

19. (currently amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 18, wherein the method further comprises:

creating at least one new mail folder when a mail folder does not exist for the sender ~~of at least one recipient of said outgoing e-mail message.~~

20. (currently amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 18, wherein the method further comprises:

storing an outgoing ~~a received incoming e-mail~~ message in said mail folder if at least one of a username or an e-mail address of a recipient ~~sender~~ of said outgoing ~~incoming~~ e-mail message matches a name of said mail folder.